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FOLLOWING IS TEXT TENNECO PRESS RELEASE REQUESTED REFTEL.

QUOTE:

HOUSTON, JUNE 28, 1974

N.W. FREEMAN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TENNECO, INC.,

ANNOUNCED TODAY PLANS TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT OF ETHIOPIA FOR THE RELEASE OF

FOUR REMAINING NORTH AMERICAN HOSTAGES BEING HELD BY THE

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT.

TENNECO HAD TERMINATED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ERITREAN

LIBERATION FRONT ON JUNE 8 AFTER FAILURE OF ELF REPRESENTA-

TIVES TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT. AT THAT TIME, FREEMAN

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ANNOUNCED THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE RESUMED UNTIL THE

ELF HAD RELEASED TWO OF THE HOSTAGES IN THE PERSONS OF THE NURSE, MRS. DEBORAH DORTZBACH, AND DON WEDERFORT, THE

FREEMAN SAID THIS RELEASE OF TWO OF THE HOSTAGES EXHIBITED A DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE ELF TO NEGOTIATE AND REPRESENTED AUTHENTICATION OF CREDENTIALS. WEDERFORT IS REPORTED TO BE ON HIS WAY TO A LONDON HOSPITAL FOR A PHYSICAL CHECK-UP. HE IS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND HAD BEEN TREATED WELL. WEDERFORT ALSO ADVISED THAT THE FOUR REMAINING HOSTAGES ARE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND ARE RECEIVING GOOD TREATMENT FROM THE ELF. FREEMAN SAID THAT WEDERFORT HAD WITH HIM LETTERS FROM THE OTHER FOUR HOSTAGES ADDRESSED TO THEIR FAMILIES IN THE MENS' OWN HANDWRITING.

"WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE ELF'S RELEASE OF MRS. DORTZBACH AND WEDERFORT," FREEMAN SAID, "AND WE NOW BELIEVE THAT THE RELEASE OF THE OTHER FOUR MEN CAN BE ARRANGED."

FREEMAN NOTED THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE ELF WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE DEMANDS THAT WERE OUT OF TENNECO'S CONTROL. HE REAFFIRMED THAT TENNECO WOULD ENTER THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH AN OPEN MIND BUT WOULD NOT INCLUDE RANSOM IN ANY CONCESSIONS. "WITH THE RELEASE OF THE TWO HOSTAGES, IT WOULD NOW APPEAR THAT WE ARE NEGOTIATING WITH THE PROPER SOURCE AND ANTICIPATE THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CARRIED FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY," FREEMAN SAID. THE REMAINING HOSTAGES ARE: POWERS W. CAYCE, JR., OF PLAINVIEW, TEXAS; JOHN W. ROGERS, OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS; CLIFFORT M. JAMES, OF WALKERTON, ONTARIO, CANADA; AND MOTTA TAVELA, OF CALIFORNIA. UNQUOTE. SISCO

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